



### **Resolution 02.2021**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE USE OF MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING IN ALL PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN ALASKA DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, URGING COMPLIANCE WITH ALL STATE RECOMMENDATIONS AND MANDATES.

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic was declared an emergency by:

- United States President Donald Trump, March 13, 2020
- Alaska Governor Michael Dunleavy, March 12, 2020

**WHEREAS**, Governor Dunleavy and Department of Health and Social Services Commissioner Adam Crum have issued health mandates to prevent the spread of the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 poses a significant risk to the health of the community and our local healthcare systems; and

**WHEREAS**, community members can reduce the risk of spreading the virus to others if everyone wears masks when interacting in public; and

**WHEREAS**, preventative measures are the best defense against the spread of the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the CDC and DHSS, wearing a mask helps prevent asymptomatic spread – wearing a mask not only protects you, but protects others around you; and

**WHEREAS**, the measures listed below have shown to reduce the spread of Coronavirus:

- Not going out in public or going to work if you feel ill
- Physical and social distancing of 6 feet or greater
- Wearing a cloth face covering when in public and in areas where distancing is not possible
- Avoiding large gatherings
- Washing your hands frequently
- Not touching your face
- Sanitize frequently touched surfaces
- Increased testing, and following through on quarantine and isolation orders

**WHEREAS**, any consideration of a statewide mask mandate should respect the positions taken by local governments and have their consent as applied within their boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the economy and the well-being of our community rest in the hands of individuals who choose to practice good hygiene and are courteous to each other; and

**WHEREAS**, we all have a responsibility to ourselves and each other to keep our community strong and healthy.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Alaska Conference of Mayors support the Governor's request for all Alaskans and visitors to wear masks and maintain social distancing and urge all to follow federal guidance, State recommendations and mandates, and local requirements and ordinances.